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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ARRINGTON).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 16, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JODEY C. ARRINGTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 8, 2018, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and recognize the leaders of the Doylestown Township community in my district for their hard work, generosity, and support for the community as Doylestown Township celebrates its bicentennial, 200 years of history and community that I am proud to be a part of.

I would like to recognize the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors: Barbara Lyons, Rick Colello, Ryan Manion, Jennifer Herring, and Ken Snyder; and the Volunteer Bicentennial Committee: Arthur Zapolski, Joe Paternostro, Ted Feldstein, Stu Abramson, David Hansen. Dr. Vail Garvin, Tina Mazaheri, Mary Lou Parry, Renu Dalal, Beth Long, Chris Nardo, and John Arnold.

I would also like to recognize the community sponsors whose generosity made the celebration possible: my friend Senator Chuck McIlhinney and State Representative Marguerite Quinn, Pine Run Retirement Community Center, Covenant Bank, Delaware Valley University, Boucher & James, Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority, Gilmore & Associates, Pennoni, Pennsylvania Soup & Seafood House, Pickering, Corts & Summerson, FRANC Environmental, Doylestown Hospital, Worth & Company, Shelley Law Offices, Greenstreet, CB Cares Educational Foundation, Mazaheri Law, Monument Bank, and Doylestown Health for sponsoring the opening gala I was privileged to attend.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in saying thank you for their commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING SOUDERTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a school in my district. On November 30, 2017, Souderton Area High School was recognized as a National Banner Unified Champion School by the Special Olympics International headquarters.

Through the diligence and compassion of Athletic Director Dennis Stanton and Supervisor of Special Education Megan Zweiback, the introduction of unified sports into the school has greatly enhanced the curriculum of special-needs students and allowed them to compete with other students in interscholastic competition.

One of only four schools in the Nation and the first in Pennsylvania to

have been honored in this respect, I am proud of the work done at Souderton Area High School to support and enhance the education and recreational development of all students.

FUNDING THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI) for 5 minutes.

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I am a Member of Congress, but I am also a mom. And as a mom, I am puzzled and, frankly, dismayed because Congress has not found a bipartisan way to provide long-term funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program.

More than 9 million children and pregnant mothers, including thousands in Oregon, receive basic health care through CHIP. In the past, this popular program has always had broad bipartisan support.

We must do better than the stopgap Band-Aid that is forcing States to rely on short-term funding and, importantly, leaving vulnerable families with uncertainty and with distress.

Recently, I met a wonderful family in Oregon that relies on CHIP for the health of their two kids. Their story pulled at my heart.

This is David. David is 5, and his brother, Jacob, is 20 months old, and both children have neurological conditions. Both require long-term medical care. David battles a life-threatening form of epilepsy that requires expensive medications as well as regular physical and occupational therapy.

Their mom, Renee, fears the worst. I spoke with her and their pediatrician, and she told me that, without long-term funding to support Medicaid and CHIP, she said: "David could die. It's that simple."

Mr. Speaker, this is about real people, and their lives are on the line. Funding CHIP is a good investment. In

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fact, the Congressional Budget Office recently predicted that a 10-year reauthorization of CHIP would actually save the Federal Government \$6 billion. It turns out preventing illness not only saves lives, it saves money.

There is no excuse for leaving CHIP unfunded. Working families like David and Jacob's family need to know that they will have health care when their kids need it. David and Jacob are children whose lives are at stake, but there are millions more like them in Oregon and across the country.

Mr. Speaker, David and Jacob deserve better. All of our Nation's children deserve better. It is that simple, and we must not let them down.

SUPPORTING THE BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FITZPATRICK). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, on Friday thousands of people from all across America will come to Washington to march in support of the dignity and equal protection of every God-given human life in this great land. It is in that spirit that I rise to join my colleagues in supporting H.R. 4712, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. This bill ensures that, if a baby survives a failed abortion, that baby must be given the same medical care as a baby born under any circumstances.

In a moral society, the strong have a responsibility to protect the weak. It is a stain on the moral fabric of our Nation that some lives are deemed less worthy than others with respect to protection.

America is a city on a hill whose light shines bright for all the world to see. That light is dimmed, however, as long as the dark practice of leaving a baby to die continues.

It is my hope that even those who believe in abortion can recognize that a baby who survives a botched abortion should be afforded the same protections that you and I are.

This week, we celebrate not only the March for Life, we also celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. In his day, Martin Luther King, Jr., worked tirelessly, in the face of enormous adversity and personal risk to himself and his family, to help all of us as Americans live up to the highest of our American ideals: the self-evident truth that all men are created equal.

Through his work, King helped our Nation better realize its charter for forming a more perfect Union. Mr. Speaker, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act builds on King's legacy by ensuring that the unalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are protected for everyone, especially for those whose voices have been silenced.

Passing this legislation would restore some of our Nation's light that has

been lost and make our Nation a more perfect Union than it was yesterday. That, after all, is our job.

In the words of the great American hero, Martin Luther King, Jr.: "It is always the right time to do the right thing."

Let's do the right thing, and let's protect these helpless little babies.

RECOGNIZING SOPHIA CAMPA-PETERS

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege of representing one of the most courageous little girls in all the world, Sophia Campa-Peters. She may be a little girl, little in stature, but there is nothing small about Sophia's heart and her courage.

She has suffered, for the last 3 years, with a rare disease that has caused her to have multiple strokes, and she is now facing the biggest challenge in her journey, major brain surgery.

God says: "Come to Me as little children." Sophia represents the faith of a child like nobody I have encountered since I have been in this office, and she requested that I help her rally the world to pray on January 24 that, while she is having that surgery at Boston Children's Hospital, we would encourage people and implore people to pray for her.

I was delighted and honored to join her and many others in asking folks to take a knee and appeal to the Great Physician to protect her, to heal her, and to make provision for her to have a strong, healthy, and happy life for many, many years to come.

What a testament to her faith in God and the power of prayer. What a testament of someone who, in the face of trial and tribulation, would choose hope, would choose to believe, would choose to dream that her best days are ahead of her.

Thanks, Sophie. Thank you for your faith. Thank you for your testimony. Thank you for your courage. And most of all, thank you for teaching us that every day is an opportunity, every day is a gift from God.

Sophia, we are rallying the world for you. We will pray for you, and we will appeal to Almighty God on your behalf.

God bless her. God bless her family.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COMER) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We ask Your special blessing upon the Members of this people's House. They face difficult decisions in difficult times, with many forces and interests demanding their attention. In these days, give them wisdom that they might execute their responsibilities to the benefit of all Americans.

Give, as well, on this day, acknowledging religious freedom in our land, confidence to all people who are concerned about the issues most pressing in our Nation at this time.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SMITH of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TIBERI), the whole number of the House is 431.

SOARING STOCKS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)